

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 4, 2003 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 35 and 56 have been amended. Claim 37 has been cancelled. Claims 39, 42, 45, 46, 50, 55, 57, 60, 63, 66, 67, and 76 have been represented, and some of these have been amended as compared to their originally presented form. Claims 35, 39, 42, 45, 46, 49 to 57, 60, 63, 66, 67, and 72 to 76 are pending in this application, with claims 35 and 56 being the independent claims. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as amended, and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

It is noted that no Filing Receipt has been issued with respect to this application. Applicants request that an appropriate Filing Receipt be issued.

It is noted that the file does not contain a Patent Drawing Review by the Patent Office Draftsperson. It is requested that this Review be undertaken and a Review by the Draftsperson be issued in response to this Amendment.

In the Office Action mailed June 4, 2003, claims 35, 49, 51 to 53, 56, and 72 to 74 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,413,371 ("Ahonen") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,418,840 ("Viljanmaa"). Claim 37 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but was deemed to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent method claim 35 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 37. Claim 37 has been canceled. For this reason, independent claim 35 as amended is allowable. Previously canceled dependent method claims 39, 42, 45, 46, 50, and 55 have been re-presented. All of these re-presented claims now depend, either directly or indirectly, upon allowable independent claim 35. For this reason, dependent claims 39, 42, 45, 46, and 49 to 55 are allowable.


Independent apparatus claim 56 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowed claim 37. For this reason, independent claim 56 as amended is allowable. Previously canceled dependent apparatus claims 57, 60, 63, 66, 67, and 76 have been re-presented. All of these re-presented claims now depend, either directly or indirectly, upon allowable independent claim 56. For this reason, dependent claims 57, 60, 63, 66, 67, and 72 to 76 are allowable.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

COHEN, PONTANI, LIEBERMAN & PAVANE

By



Michael C. Stuart

Reg. No. 35,698

551 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1210

New York, New York 10176

(212) 687-2770

Dated: November 14, 2003